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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUAYAQUIL 268

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EFIS, PLOS, EC, US

SUBJECT: SEIZED U.S. VESSELS: PLANS FOR MOVEMENT

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1. SALINAS NAVAL COMMANDER GALARZA INFORMED DEWITT EVENING FEBRUARY 15 OF FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO MANTA FEBRUARY 16. AT 1030 HOURS, PORT CAPTAIN WILL DELIVER TO EACH BOAT FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTURE. AT 1130, ONE ECUADOREAN NAVY OFFICER AND THREE GUARDS WILL BOARD EACH BOAT FOR TRIP. AT 1200, BOATS WILL DEPART FOR MANTA ACCOMPANIED BY ECUADOREAN PATROL BOAT. ESTIMATED TRANSIT TIME SIX TO SEVEN HOURS. BOATS PROBABLY WILL ANCHOR OFF SHORE AT MANTA UNTIL LATE MONDAY TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS BETWEEN CREWMEMBERS AND MANTA FISHERMEN. NAVY IS SENDING SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO MANTA TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND SUPERVISE OFFLOADING. THIS SCHEDULE IS BEING GIVEN ALSO TO INDIVIDUAL CAPTAINS, WHOM COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ORDERED TO COMPLY.

2. FINAL LIST OF BOATS GOING TO MANTA INCLUDES CALYPSO IN PLACE OF JACQUELINE A. ONE CONSULAR OFFICER WILL TRAVEL ABOARD EACH U.S. VESSEL. CONGEN DEWITT WILL PROCEED MANTA BY CAR, LEAVING TWO OFFICERS

IN SALINAS.

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3. TWO MISSING RIFLES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN SEA BY FROGMEN FROM

GUAYAQUIL MARINE BASE. IN PRIVATE TALK WITH DEWITT, GALARZA CALMLY BUT

FORCEFULLY EMPHASIZED CONTINUING GRAVITY OF PROBLEM. HE SAID  
INCIDENT LEGALLY DEFINED AS "OFFENSE AGAINST SECURITY OF THE STATE,"  
PUNISHABLE BY SENTENCE OF TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS. HIS INVESTIGATION  
CONTINUES AND MAY INCLUDE INTERROGATION OF EACH CREWMAN AND CAPTAIN.  
AS RUIZ HAD EARLIER, GALARZA EXPRESSED HOPE INCIDENT WOULD NOT  
BECOME WIDELY KNOWN, WHICH WOULD FORCE HIM TO TAKE STRONGER ACTION  
THAN HE WOULD LIKE.  
DEWITT

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